

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 1-7, as follows:

HC, HB ~~HCV, HBV~~ and progressive type liver cancer are chronic disorders, and the main part of the therapy for such disorders is an extension of the prognosis. Conventionally, the prediction of prognosis and expected survival years for patients suffering from such liver disorders, have been based on the personal experience of the physician as determined from the results of image diagnosis. Accordingly, an accurate prediction of prognosis (including expected survival years) has been difficult.